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November 14: Winter Weather Awareness Day

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – November 14 is “Winter Awareness Day” in the state of Kansas. Sedgwick County Emergency Management offers some information and tips to keep you safe and help you prepare for the cold weather season.

A “winter storm warning” occurs when significant winter weather (such as heavy snow, sleet, freezing rain, dangerous wind chills) is a threat to life and property. It’s important to stay tuned to your local media or your NOAA weather radio for information and emergency instructions during a winter storm warning. Here are some additional safety tips:

- If you must go outside in extreme weather, wear several layers of warm clothing, mittens or gloves, a hat and waterproof boots. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs from cold air.
- Store drinking water, a first aid kit, canned/no-cook food, a can opener, radio flashlight and extra batteries, matches, small tools, shovel, and extra clothes and blankets in your vehicle.
- Keep cars and other vehicles fueled and in good working condition.

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- Conserve fuel by keeping your house cooler than normal.
- Winterize your house, barn, shed or any other structure that may provide shelter for your family, neighbors and pets. Install storm shutters, doors and windows; use weather-stripping, clear rain gutters; repair roof structures and leaks.

“We often think of storms as being just in the spring,” said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortino. “Sedgwick County Emergency Management is here to make sure people are ready for all emergencies including severe winter weather.”

If you would like additional information about preparing for any type of emergency, contact Sedgwick County Emergency Management at 383-7546 or visit the Sedgwick County website at www.sedgwickcounty.gov. (Ready to Respond information).

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